

AFRD ES&H Operations Committee
71 Conference Room
October 6, 2006
2:00 – 3:00 PM

Minutes

Attendees: Christine Celata, Daryl Horler, Steve Lidia, Tom McVeigh, Tom Scarvie, Peter Seidl, Pat Thomas

1. ES&H News and Lessons Learned

- **New AFRD ES&H Coordinator**—Chris Celata is returning to research. Steve Lidia is taking on the responsibilities of being the AFRD ES&H Coordinator.
- **ISM Plan coming soon**—The AFRD Integrated Safety Management Plan has been updated to reflect our safety systems as they stand at the end of Performance Year 2006. It is being reviewed by AFRD, EH&S, and LBNL management. It will be posted on the web when it is approved.
- **Battery Recalls**—There have been additional recalls of lithium-ion batteries manufactured by Sony. They were sold by IBM and Lenovo between February 2005-September 2006 for use in ThinkPad computers.
- **Lessons Learned**—
 - The Lessons Learned we discussed in our previous meeting about an ultraviolet light overexposure incident at Fermi lab has been added to the Lessons Learned website.
 - There was an unexpected incident during a lift in Bldg. 58. Technicians were attempting to lift the top part off a ceramic and metal assembly. An o-ring between the pieces stuck and the whole assembly was lifted. The bottom piece then came loose and fell about 7 inches. There was no injury because the technicians were being careful not to place their feet or hands under the suspended load.
 - Daryl Horler reminded us of a crane safety item. Don't put washers or spacers under hoist rings.
 - Tom Caronna described a Stop Work incident involving a contractor who climbed on a crane rail. The crane was not locked out.
- **Flu shots**—Flu shots are being offered this month. To make an appointment, contact Health Services.
- **McCallum-Turner review preliminary results**—The auditors' recommendations included clarifying our safety policies, adopting a set of LBNL safety values and expectations, setting performance goals based on the expectations, sharing best practices, improving our corrective action system, and having more formal hazard analysis and work authorization processes for work not requiring an AHD. Some AFRD people were interviewed during the audit, but the auditors did not inspect AFRD workspaces.

- **Laser safety audit**—A DOE laser safety expert from Oak Ridge will be coming to LBNL in October to review LBNL progress in implementing corrective actions from a previous review. Ken Barat is contacting selected research groups to schedule visits.
- **Walkthrough and CATS training**—Richard DeBusk and Michelle Flynn will be teaching a class on how to do effective safety walkthroughs and track the results in CATS. Everyone who has an AFRD Supervisor Safety Plan and our Program ES&H Coordinators are invited. (The class has been scheduled on November 21, from 10 AM to noon in the Bldg. 71 Conference Room.)

2. Program Safety Coordinator Status Reports & Forum

- **Supervisor Walkthroughs**—A summary of supervisors' efforts for the first quarter of PY07 is being compiled. If you have additional information, please send it to Pat Thomas. Some supervisors may have committed to more activities than they can accomplish. If you see this problem, please discuss with your Program Head. The supervisors who are not meeting their plans need to either increase their efforts or readjust their plans to reflect what they are actually doing.
- **JHQs/Training**—We are doing well on JHQs. We need to work on training completions.
- **CATS**—Daryl Horler found some lead mallets in the scrap metal hopper at Bldg. 71. We have also been seeing some electronic wastes appearing in metal hoppers around the site. This is a continuing problem throughout LBNL. Please in the hoppers in your work areas as you pass by, and report any problems to Pat Thomas or Marty White.

Next Meeting:

November 3, 2:00 PM, Bldg. 71 Conference Room